
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It is with mixed emotions that I to write this message. It seems like just yesterday that I embarked on this wonderful journey as the ORNAC President... and now my term is nearing completion. My final message, in the next issue of the journal, will be written jointly with your incoming President.

Change and transition have been key words throughout my term. My first President's Message, in June 2011, was published in the Canadian Operating Room Nursing Journal (CORNJ) and my final message is appearing in the NEW ORNAC Journal. The dedication of ORNAC's volunteer Editorial Board Chair, Executive Director, and Editor/Publisher has brought this new journal from vision to fruition! This is but one example of the changes that have occurred during my term as President. Many of the changes in progress may not, as of yet, be evident to the ORNAC membership. These changes will be put in place over the next few years as we continue to implement ORNAC's strategic plan. ORNAC will become a stronger and more viable organization as it evolves to meet the needs of Canadian Perioperative Registered Nurses as well as the requirements of the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.

A major change to the ORNAC Board structure will be voted on during the April Board Meeting. The proposal on the table would streamline the Board structure, from its current 23 Board Members and 5 Executive Members, to 13 Board Members and 4 Executive Members. This new structure was developed, and has been accepted in principle, by the current ORNAC Board. Each provincial perioperative organization and the 3 affiliate members will continue to be represented, and to have a vote, at the ORNAC table. If ratified the transition to the new structure will occur, with the transfer of the President's chain of office, at the conclusion of the 2013 ORNAC National & International Conference with IFPN.

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The 2013 ORNAC National & International Conference with IFPN, in Ottawa, will become a reality in the very near future (April 21-25, 2013)! The Conference Planning Committee has been working diligently to plan an exciting conference. The wide variety of Canadian and international speakers will present on an array of topics to meet the educational needs and interests of all delegates. The social events will appeal to all and showcase Canadian culture and our nation's capital. Our industry partners continue to provide their invaluable contribution and will display their latest technology. The ORNAC Board & Executive look forward to seeing you at the Conference! 🍁

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Frenette". The signature is fluid and cursive.